



# Enhancing the Security of Explosives and Explosives Precursors

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## Overview of the policy context

**2010-2014**  
**EU Internal Security Strategy**

**2008**  
**EU Action  
Plan on  
Explosives**

**2009**  
**EU Action  
Plan on  
CBRN**

**2014**  
**Detection  
of CBRN-E  
risks**

**2013**  
**EU  
Regulation  
98/2013  
on explosives  
precursors**

**2015**  
**EU Action  
Plan on  
firearms  
and  
explosives**

**Coming...  
EU  
CBRN-E  
strategy**

**2015-2020**  
**European Agenda on  
Security**

## 2008 EU Action Plan on Enhancing the Security of Explosives

- 48 actions on prevention, detection, preparedness and response
- Implemented jointly by the Commission and Member States, in partnership with other EU agencies, research institutions and the private sector
- Key achievements
  - Regulation (EU) 98/2013 on explosives precursors
  - New information exchange tools (EBDS, SCEPYLT)
  - Training & sharing of good practices (EEODN, law enforcement networks)
  - Developing, testing and trialling detection technologies and methodologies
  - Funding research projects and studies (ERNCIP, security vetting of personnel)

## 2014 Communication on a new EU approach to the detection and mitigation of CBRN-E risks

Promote awareness raising, training sessions and exercises

Improve usage of **results of research**, testing and validation

Improve **detection** of risks

Take into account the **external dimension**

Promote **initiatives by lead countries** and engage with industry and other stakeholders

## Regulation (EU) No 98/2013 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors

The Regulation aims to **reduce access to**, and **increase control over**, dangerous chemical substances which can be misused to manufacture **homemade explosives**.

- ✓ Introduces a list of 7 '**restricted explosives precursors**' (Annex I);
- ✓ Mandates the **reporting of suspicious transactions, disappearances and thefts** involving 15 precursors (Annexes I and II) to the designated **national contact point(s)**.

## 2015 European Agenda on Security

- Adopted on 28 April 2015
- Key priorities:
  - Tackling terrorism and preventing radicalisation
  - Disrupting organised crime
  - Fighting cybercrime

# 2015 European Agenda on Security

## Better information exchange

- Use and review existing tools
- Deliver on new proposals

## Increased operational cooperation

- Increase inter-agency cooperation
- Enhance existing mechanisms

## Support actions: training, funding, research innovation

- Cross-border, cross-sector
- Internal Security Fund, Horizon 2020

# 2015 Action Plan on firearms and explosives

## Actions relevant to explosives (1)

- ✓ Ensure the full implementation of the 98/2013 Precursors Regulation and advance its review to 2016
- ✓ Assess the need for harmonising vetting standards and procedures at EU level
- ✓ Develop common training curricula on (firearms and) explosives
- ✓ Develop innovative detection tools and better use new technologies



## 2015 Action Plan on firearms and explosives

### Actions relevant to explosives (2)

- ✓ Provide financial assistance
- ✓ Extend the use of existing information sharing tools, such as the European Bomb Data System
- ✓ Enhance the control of intra-EU movements on explosives
- ✓ Enhance cooperation and operational activities with third countries, in particular with neighbouring countries

## Key references on security of explosives

- 2013 Regulation (EU) 98/2013 on explosives precursors
- 2015 EU Action Plan on firearms and explosives  
[COM(2015) 624 final]
- 2016 Regular progress reporting on the Security Union  
[COM(2016) 670 final] (First progress report)

[DG HOME webpage on explosives](#)

[DG HOME webpage on explosives precursors](#)



**Comments, questions...**

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# Additional slides



## The Standing Committee on Precursors

- ✓ Registered Expert Group; chaired by DG HOME
- ✓ A consultative body bringing together representatives from
  - EU Member States / EFTA countries
  - Industry and retail stakeholders operating at European level

### Past work and mission

- ✓ Preparatory work for Regulation 98/2013 on explosives precursors
- ✓ SCP Guidelines to facilitate implementation of the Regulation
- ✓ Discuss practical implementation and amendments

## Recent meetings of the SCP

- ✓ Updates on implementation (regulatory and other efforts)
- ✓ Incidents involving explosives precursors and home-made explosives
- ✓ Challenges to practical implementation
- ✓ Review
- ✓ Improving guidance (online marketplaces, checking validity of licences, secure storing of ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers, informing international travellers)
- ✓ External dimension



# Enhancing the system around explosives precursors

## Review of Regulation EU 98/2013

End of 2016: Addition of three substances to Annex II

Early 2017: Commission Report reviewing implementation

2017: Impact assessment of possible new measures

- Threat substances
- Enhance restrictions and controls
- Increase EU harmonisation

2018: Legislative proposal amending the Regulation